



by Graeme Edwards

"Nature's Privilege" is aquascaped by Graeme Edwards from the UK Aquatic Plant Society (UKAPS) and is inspired by impressions from nature in the north-western part of England. It is the vigorous green carpet of *Marsilea* in the foreground and with a central rock formation where roots run from cracks in the rocks. Between the rock and the carpet smaller rock pieces are covered with Christmas moss. Centrally in the rock formation, groups with *Polygonum* and *Hygrophila pinnatifida* are placed, and *Microrosorum* and *Bolbitis* are attached to the roots. Small portions of *Eleocharis* simulate grass from nature. *Hydrocotyle* runs over the ground on the rear sides of the rock formation.

Note: Plant B on the drawing is *Polygonum* sp. which is no longer produced by Tropica.

Technique

Volume:	270 L
Light:	T5 2 x 54W
Gravel:	Silica sand 0.8-1.2 mm
Filter:	Eheim professional II 2128 Thermo
CO2:	25 mg/L
Fertiliser (weekly):	50 ml Premium Fertiliser + 100 ml Specialised
Maintenance (hours per week):	½-1

Plants used in this layout

A)	<i>Hydrocotyle tripartita</i>	(039B)	2 pcs.
C)	<i>Hygrophila pinnatifida</i>	(051A)	4 pcs.
D)	<i>Marsilea hirsuta</i>	(010 TC)	10 pcs.
E)	<i>Microrosorum pteropus</i> 'Narrow'	(008A)	4 pcs.
F)	<i>Bolbitis heudelotii</i>	(006 YWS)	1 pcs.
G)	<i>Vesicularia montagnei</i> 'Christmas'	(003A TC)	5 pcs.